

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is in response to the Office Action of September 19, 2006 ("Office Action").